

# Package ‘asa’

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**Description** Provides an LLM-powered research agent for performing AI search tasks at large scales. Uses a ReAct (Reasoning + Acting) agent pattern with web search capabilities via DuckDuckGo and Wikipedia. Implements DeepAgent-style memory folding for context management. The agent is built on 'LangGraph' and supports multiple LLM backends including 'OpenAI', 'Groq', and 'xAI'.

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asa-package	<i>asa: AI Search Agent for Large-Scale Research Automation</i>
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**Description**

The asa package provides an LLM-powered research agent for performing AI search tasks at large scales using web search capabilities.

The agent uses a ReAct (Reasoning + Acting) pattern implemented via LangGraph, with tools for searching DuckDuckGo and Wikipedia. It supports multiple LLM backends (OpenAI, Groq, xAI) and implements DeepAgent-style memory folding for managing long conversations.

**Main Functions**

- [build\\_backend](#): Set up the Python conda environment
- [initialize\\_agent](#): Initialize the search agent
- [run\\_task](#): Run a structured task with the agent
- [run\\_task\\_batch](#): Run multiple tasks in batch

## Configuration

The package requires a Python environment with LangChain and related packages. Use [build\\_backend](#) to create this environment automatically.

For anonymous searching, the package can use Tor as a SOCKS5 proxy. Install Tor via brew `install tor` (macOS) and start it with `brew services start tor`.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/cjerzak/asa-software>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/cjerzak/asa-software/issues>

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`.acquire_rate_limit_token`

*Acquire a Rate Limit Token (Proactive Rate Limiting)*

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## Description

Acquires a token from the rate limiter bucket before making a request. If no tokens are available, waits until one becomes available. This is called BEFORE making requests to prevent rate limit errors. Wait times are humanized with random jitter when `ASA_HUMANIZE_TIMING` is `TRUE`.

## Usage

```
.acquire_rate_limit_token(verbose = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>verbose</code>	Print waiting message if <code>TRUE</code>
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## Value

The wait time in seconds (0 if no wait was needed)

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.adaptive\_rate\_get\_multiplier  
*Get Current Adaptive Rate Multiplier*

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### Description

Returns the current delay multiplier for use in rate limiting calculations.

### Usage

```
.adaptive_rate_get_multiplier()
```

### Value

Numeric multiplier (1.0 = normal, >1 = slower, <1 = faster)

---

.adaptive\_rate\_init     *Initialize Adaptive Rate Limiting State*

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### Description

Sets up the adaptive rate limiting state in `asa_env`. Called during agent initialization.

### Usage

```
.adaptive_rate_init()
```

### Value

Invisibly returns NULL

---

.adaptive\_rate\_record     *Record Result for Adaptive Rate Limiting*

---

### Description

Records a success or error result and adjusts the delay multiplier accordingly. Tracks a sliding window of recent results to determine adaptation.

### Usage

```
.adaptive_rate_record(status, verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

status	One of "success", "captcha", "blocked", or "error"
verbose	If TRUE, prints adjustment messages

### Value

Invisibly returns the current multiplier

`.adaptive_rate_reset`    *Reset Adaptive Rate Limiting*

---

**Description**

Resets the adaptive rate limiting state to defaults.

**Usage**

```
.adaptive_rate_reset()
```

**Value**

Invisibly returns NULL

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`.adaptive_rate_status`    *Get Adaptive Rate Status*

---

**Description**

Returns the current state of adaptive rate limiting for monitoring.

**Usage**

```
.adaptive_rate_status()
```

**Value**

List with multiplier, success\_streak, recent\_count, and enabled status

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`.asa_option`                    *Get Package Option or Default*

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**Description**

Returns the value of an asa package option, or the default if not set. Options can be set via `options(asa.option_name = value)`.

**Usage**

```
.asa_option(name, default)
```

**Arguments**

<code>name</code>	Option name (without "asa." prefix)
<code>default</code>	Default value if option not set

**Value**

Option value or default



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.augment\_prompt\_temporal

*Augment Prompt with Temporal Context*

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### Description

Adds temporal date hints to the prompt when after/before dates are specified. This helps guide the agent to search for time-relevant information.

### Usage

```
.augment_prompt_temporal(prompt, temporal, verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

prompt	Original prompt
temporal	Temporal filtering list (may be NULL)

### Value

Augmented prompt string

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.build\_trace

*Build Trace from Raw Response*

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### Description

Build Trace from Raw Response

### Usage

```
.build_trace(raw_response)
```

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.circuit\_breaker\_check

*Check Circuit Breaker State*

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### Description

Checks if the circuit breaker is tripped. If cooldown has passed, automatically resets the breaker.

### Usage

```
.circuit_breaker_check(verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

verbose	Print message when breaker resets
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**Value**

TRUE if requests can proceed, FALSE if breaker is tripped

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*.circuit\_breaker\_init   Initialize Circuit Breaker*

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**Description**

Initializes the circuit breaker in `asa_env`. Called automatically before batch operations if `circuit_breaker=TRUE`.

**Usage**

```
.circuit_breaker_init()
```

**Value**

Invisibly returns NULL

---

*.circuit\_breaker\_record  
Record Result in Circuit Breaker*

---

**Description**

Records a success or error in the circuit breaker's sliding window. If error rate exceeds threshold, trips the breaker.

**Usage**

```
.circuit_breaker_record(status, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>status</code>	Either "success" or "error"
<code>verbose</code>	Print message when breaker trips

**Value**

Invisibly returns whether breaker is now tripped

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<code>.circuit_breaker_status</code>	<i>Get Circuit Breaker Status</i>
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**Description**

Returns the current state of the circuit breaker for monitoring.

**Usage**

```
.circuit_breaker_status()
```

**Value**

List with tripped, error\_rate, recent\_count, and trip\_count

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<code>.close_http_clients</code>	<i>Close HTTP Clients</i>
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**Description**

Safely closes the synchronous httpx client to prevent resource leaks. This is called automatically by `reset_agent()` and when reinitializing.

**Usage**

```
.close_http_clients()
```

**Details**

Note: We no longer create or manage async clients from R (R-CRIT-001 fix). LangChain manages its own async client lifecycle internally.

**Value**

Invisibly returns NULL

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.create_agent	Create the LangGraph Agent
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**Description**

Create the LangGraph Agent

**Usage**

```
.create_agent(  
    llm,  
    tools,  
    use_memory_folding,  
    memory_threshold,  
    memory_keep_recent  
)
```

**Arguments**

llm	LLM instance
tools	List of tools
use_memory_folding	Whether to use memory folding
memory_threshold	Messages before folding
memory_keep_recent	Messages to keep

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.create_http_clients	Create HTTP Clients for API Calls
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**Description**

Creates two synchronous httpx clients: one direct (no proxy) for LLM API calls, and one proxied (with Tor) for search tools. This dual-client approach ensures OpenAI/OpenRouter API calls don't route through Tor (which causes failures), while DuckDuckGo searches still use Tor to avoid IP blocks.

**Usage**

```
.create_http_clients(search_proxy, timeout)
```

**Arguments**

search_proxy	Proxy URL for search tools (e.g., Tor SOCKS5) or NULL
timeout	Timeout in seconds

**Details**

Note: We intentionally do NOT create async clients. LangChain/OpenAI SDK creates its own async client internally when needed (for async operations). This avoids R-CRIT-001 where async client cleanup was unreliable from R since `aclose()` requires an async context.

**Value**

A list with 'direct' client (no proxy, for LLM) and 'proxied' client (for search)

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<code>.create_llm</code>	<i>Create LLM Instance</i>
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**Description**

Create LLM Instance

**Usage**

```
.create_llm(backend, model, clients, rate_limit)
```

**Arguments**

<code>backend</code>	Backend name
<code>model</code>	Model identifier
<code>clients</code>	HTTP clients (for OpenAI)
<code>rate_limit</code>	Requests per second

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<code>.create_research_config</code>	<i>Create Research Configuration</i>
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**Description**

Create Research Configuration

**Usage**

```
.create_research_config(  
  workers,  
  max_rounds,  
  budget,  
  stop_policy,  
  sources,  
  temporal = NULL  
)
```

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.create_research_graph	<i>Create Research Graph</i>
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**Description**

Create Research Graph

**Usage**

.create\_research\_graph(agent, config\_dict)

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.create_tools	<i>Create Search Tools</i>
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**Description**

Create Search Tools

**Usage**

.create\_tools(proxy)

**Arguments**

proxy	Proxy URL or NULL
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.extract_fields	<i>Extract Specific Fields from Response</i>
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**Description**

Extract Specific Fields from Response

**Usage**

.extract\_fields(text, fields)

**Arguments**

text	Response text
fields	Character vector of field names to extract

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.extract\_json\_from\_trace

*Extract JSON from Agent Traces*

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### Description

Internal function to extract JSON data from raw agent traces.

### Usage

.extract\_json\_from\_trace(text)

### Arguments

text	Raw trace text
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### Value

Parsed JSON data as a list, or NULL if no JSON found

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.extract\_json\_object    *Extract JSON Object from Text*

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### Description

Extract JSON Object from Text

### Usage

.extract\_json\_object(text, start = NULL)

### Arguments

text	Response text
start	Optional 1-based start index for extraction

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.extract\_response\_text

*Extract Response Text from Raw Response*

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### Description

Extract Response Text from Raw Response

### Usage

.extract\_response\_text(raw\_response, backend)

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<code>.extract_search_tier</code>	<i>Extract Search Tier from Response Trace</i>
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**Description**

Parses the agent's response trace to determine which search tier was used (PRIMP, Selenium, DDGS, or Requests). This is useful for assessing result quality since higher tiers generally produce more reliable results.

**Usage**

```
.extract_search_tier(trace)
```

**Arguments**

<code>trace</code>	Character string containing the agent's execution trace
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**Value**

Character string: "primp", "selenium", "ddgs", "requests", or "unknown"

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<code>.get_default_backend</code>	<i>Get Default Backend</i>
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**Description**

Get Default Backend

**Usage**

```
.get_default_backend()
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<code>.get_default_conda_env</code>	<i>Get Default Conda Environment</i>
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**Description**

Get Default Conda Environment

**Usage**

```
.get_default_conda_env()
```



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<code>.get_default_model</code>	<i>Get Default Model</i>
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### Description

Get Default Model

### Usage

```
.get_default_model()
```

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<code>.get_default_workers</code>	<i>Get Default Workers</i>
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### Description

Get Default Workers

### Usage

```
.get_default_workers()
```

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<code>.get_extdata_path</code>	<i>Get External Data Path</i>
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### Description

Returns the path to the package's external data directory.

### Usage

```
.get_extdata_path(filename = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>filename</code>	Optional filename within extdata directory
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### Value

Character string with the path

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<code>.get_local_ip</code>	<i>Get Local IP Address (Cross-Platform)</i>
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**Description**

Returns the local IP address for use with Exo backend. Works on Windows, macOS, and Linux.

**Usage**

```
.get_local_ip()
```

**Value**

Character string with the local IP address, or "127.0.0.1" on failure.

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<code>.get_python_path</code>	<i>Get Package Python Module Path</i>
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**Description**

Returns the path to the Python modules shipped with the package.

**Usage**

```
.get_python_path()
```

**Value**

Character string with the path to inst/python

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<code>.handle_response_issues</code>	<i>Handle Response Issues (Rate Limiting, Timeouts)</i>
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**Description**

Handle Response Issues (Rate Limiting, Timeouts)

**Usage**

```
.handle_response_issues(trace, verbose)
```

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<code>.humanize_delay</code>	<i>Generate a Delay That Feels Human</i>
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**Description**

Not uniform jitter. This models the messy, inefficient pause between intention and action - the entropy of a tired hand:

- Log-normal base: most actions quick, occasional long pauses (thinking)
- Micro-stutters: tiny random additions (the tremor of uncertainty)
- Fatigue curve: delays drift longer as session ages
- Occasional spikes: the pause of a mind changing

**Usage**

```
.humanize_delay(base_delay, enabled = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>base_delay</code>	The nominal delay in seconds
<code>enabled</code>	Whether humanized timing is enabled (default from constants)

**Value**

A delay that breathes like a human

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<code>.import_python_module</code>	<i>Import Python Module into asa_env</i>
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**Description**

Generic helper for importing Python modules from inst/python. Handles caching, path resolution, and error handling.

**Usage**

```
.import_python_module(module_name, env_name = module_name, required = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>module_name</code>	Name of the Python module (without .py)
<code>env_name</code>	Name in asa_env (defaults to module_name)
<code>required</code>	If TRUE, error on failure; if FALSE, return NULL

**Value**

The imported Python module (invisibly), or NULL on failure if not required

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```
.import_python_packages
```

*Import Required Python Packages*

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**Description**

Import Required Python Packages

**Usage**

```
.import_python_packages()
```

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```
.import_research_modules
```

*Import Research Python Modules*

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**Description**

Import Research Python Modules

**Usage**

```
.import_research_modules()
```

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```
.invoke_memory_folding_agent
```

*Invoke Memory Folding Agent*

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**Description**

Invoke Memory Folding Agent

**Usage**

```
.invoke_memory_folding_agent(python_agent, prompt, recursion_limit)
```

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```
.invoke_standard_agent
```

*Invoke Standard Agent*

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**Description**

Invoke Standard Agent

**Usage**

```
.invoke_standard_agent(python_agent, prompt, recursion_limit)
```

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.is_initialized	<i>Check if ASA Agent is Initialized</i>
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### Description

Check if ASA Agent is Initialized

### Usage

.is\_initialized()

### Value

Logical indicating if the agent has been initialized

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.normalize_schema	<i>Normalize Schema Input</i>
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### Description

Normalize Schema Input

### Usage

.normalize\_schema(schema, query, verbose)

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.parse_json_response	<i>Parse JSON Response</i>
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### Description

Parse JSON Response

### Usage

.parse\_json\_response(response\_text)

### Arguments

response\_text    Response text from agent

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```
.process_research_results
```

*Process Research Results*

---

**Description**

Process Research Results

**Usage**

```
.process_research_results(result, schema_dict, include_provenance)
```

---

```
.rate_limiter_init
```

*Initialize Rate Limiter*

---

**Description**

Initializes the token bucket rate limiter in `asa_env`. Called automatically on first use if not already initialized.

**Usage**

```
.rate_limiter_init(rate = NULL, bucket_size = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>rate</code>	Requests per second (tokens refill rate)
<code>bucket_size</code>	Maximum tokens in bucket

**Value**

Invisibly returns NULL

---

```
.rate_limiter_reset
```

*Reset Rate Limiter*

---

**Description**

Resets the rate limiter to full capacity. Useful after errors or when starting a new batch of requests.

**Usage**

```
.rate_limiter_reset()
```

**Value**

Invisibly returns NULL

---

`.register_cleanup_finalizer`*Register Session Finalizer for HTTP Client Cleanup*

---

**Description**

Registers a finalizer that will clean up HTTP clients when the R session ends or the package environment is garbage collected. This provides an additional safety net beyond `.onUnload` for resource leak prevention.

**Usage**

```
.register_cleanup_finalizer()
```

**Value**

Invisibly returns `NULL`

---

`.resume_research`*Resume Research from Checkpoint*

---

**Description**

Resume Research from Checkpoint

**Usage**

```
.resume_research(checkpoint_file, verbose)
```

---

`.run_agent`*Run the ASA Agent (Internal)*

---

**Description**

Internal function that invokes the search agent with a prompt. Users should use `run_task` instead.

**Usage**

```
.run_agent(  
  prompt,  
  agent = NULL,  
  temporal = NULL,  
  recursion_limit = NULL,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

prompt	The prompt to send to the agent
agent	An asa_agent object
temporal	Named list for temporal filtering
recursion_limit	Maximum number of agent steps
verbose	Print status messages

Value

An object of class asa\_response

---

.run_research	<i>Run Research (Non-Streaming)</i>
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Description

Run Research (Non-Streaming)

Usage

```
.run_research(graph, query, schema_dict, config_dict)
```

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.run_research_with_progress	<i>Run Research with Progress Updates</i>
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Description

Run Research with Progress Updates

Usage

```
.run_research_with_progress(  
  graph,  
  query,  
  schema_dict,  
  config_dict,  
  checkpoint_file,  
  verbose  
)
```



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<code>.save_checkpoint</code>	<i>Save Checkpoint</i>
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**Description**

Save Checkpoint

**Usage**

```
.save_checkpoint(result, query, schema_dict, config_dict, checkpoint_file)
```

---

<code>.stop_validation</code>	<i>Stop with Formatted Validation Error</i>
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**Description**

Creates a standardized error message with Got/Fix sections.

**Usage**

```
.stop_validation(param_name, requirement, actual = NULL, fix = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>param_name</code>	Name of the parameter that failed validation
<code>requirement</code>	What the parameter should be
<code>actual</code>	What was actually received (optional, auto-formatted)
<code>fix</code>	Actionable fix suggestion

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<code>.validate_api_key</code>	<i>Validate API Key for Backend</i>
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**Description**

Checks that the required API key environment variable is set for the specified backend. Throws an informative error if missing.

**Usage**

```
.validate_api_key(backend)
```

**Arguments**

<code>backend</code>	LLM backend name
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**Value**

Invisibly returns TRUE if valid

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```
.validate_asa_agent    Validate S3 Constructor: asa_agent
```

---

**Description**

Validate S3 Constructor: asa\_agent

**Usage**

```
.validate_asa_agent(python_agent, backend, model, config)
```

---

```
.validate_asa_response    Validate S3 Constructor: asa_response
```

---

**Description**

Validate S3 Constructor: asa\_response

**Usage**

```
.validate_asa_response(
    message,
    status_code,
    raw_response,
    trace,
    elapsed_time,
    fold_count,
    prompt
)
```

---

```
.validate_asa_result    Validate S3 Constructor: asa_result
```

---

**Description**

Validate S3 Constructor: asa\_result

**Usage**

```
.validate_asa_result(prompt, message, parsed, raw_output, elapsed_time, status)
```

---

.validate\_build\_backend

*Validate build\_backend() Parameters*

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### Description

Validate build\_backend() Parameters

### Usage

.validate\_build\_backend(conda\_env, conda, python\_version)

---

.validate\_build\_prompt

*Validate build\_prompt() Parameters*

---

### Description

Validate build\_prompt() Parameters

### Usage

.validate\_build\_prompt(template)

---

.validate\_choice

*Validate Choice from Set*

---

### Description

Validate Choice from Set

### Usage

.validate\_choice(x, param\_name, choices)

### Arguments

x	Value to check
param_name	Name for error message
choices	Valid choices

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<code>.validate_conda_env</code>	<i>Validate Conda Environment Name</i>
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**Description**

Validate Conda Environment Name

**Usage**

```
.validate_conda_env(x, param_name)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Value to check
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error message

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<code>.validate_configure_search</code>	<i>Validate configure_search() Parameters</i>
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**Description**

Validate configure\_search() Parameters

**Usage**

```
.validate_configure_search(  
    max_results,  
    timeout,  
    max_retries,  
    retry_delay,  
    backoff_multiplier,  
    captcha_backoff_base,  
    page_load_wait,  
    inter_search_delay,  
    conda_env  
)
```

---

.validate\_consistency    *Validate Logical Consistency Between Parameters*

---

### Description

Validate Logical Consistency Between Parameters

### Usage

```
.validate_consistency(condition, message, fix)
```

### Arguments

condition	Condition that must be TRUE
message	Error message if condition is FALSE
fix	How to fix the issue

---

.validate\_dataframe    *Validate Data Frame with Required Columns*

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### Description

Validate Data Frame with Required Columns

### Usage

```
.validate_dataframe(x, param_name, required_cols = NULL)
```

### Arguments

x	Value to check
param_name	Name for error message
required_cols	Required column names (optional)

---

```
.validate_initialize_agent
```

*Validate initialize\_agent() Parameters*

---

### Description

Validate initialize\_agent() Parameters

### Usage

```
.validate_initialize_agent(
  backend,
  model,
  conda_env,
  proxy,
  use_memory_folding,
  memory_threshold,
  memory_keep_recent,
  rate_limit,
  timeout,
  verbose
)
```

---

```
.validate_json_schema    Validate JSON Against Expected Schema
```

---

### Description

Validates that parsed JSON contains all expected fields. Returns a structured validation result indicating success or failure.

### Usage

```
.validate_json_schema(parsed, expected_fields)
```

### Arguments

<code>parsed</code>	The parsed JSON object (list or NULL)
<code>expected_fields</code>	Character vector of expected field names

### Value

A list with: valid (logical), reason (character), missing (character vector)

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<code>.validate_logical</code>	<i>Validate Boolean</i>
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### Description

Validate Boolean

### Usage

```
.validate_logical(x, param_name)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	Value to check
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error message

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<code>.validate_positive</code>	<i>Validate Positive Number</i>
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### Description

Validate Positive Number

### Usage

```
.validate_positive(x, param_name, allow_zero = FALSE, integer_only = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	Value to check
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error message
<code>allow_zero</code>	Allow zero values (default: FALSE)
<code>integer_only</code>	Require integer values (default: FALSE)

---

<code>.validate_process_outputs</code>	<i>Validate process_outputs() Parameters</i>
--	--

---

### Description

Validate process\_outputs() Parameters

### Usage

```
.validate_process_outputs(df, parallel, workers)
```

---

<code>.validate_proxy_url</code>	<i>Validate URL Format (SOCKS5 Proxy)</i>
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**Description**

Validate URL Format (SOCKS5 Proxy)

**Usage**

```
.validate_proxy_url(x, param_name)
```

**Arguments**

x	Value to check (NULL is valid = no proxy)
param_name	Name for error message

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<code>.validate_range</code>	<i>Validate Range</i>
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---

**Description**

Validate Range

**Usage**

```
.validate_range(x, param_name, min = NULL, max = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	Value to check (must already be validated as numeric)
param_name	Name for error message
min	Minimum allowed value (optional)
max	Maximum allowed value (optional)

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<code>.validate_required</code>	<i>Validate Required Argument Presence</i>
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**Description**

Validate Required Argument Presence

**Usage**

```
.validate_required(x, param_name)
```

**Arguments**

x	Value to check
param_name	Name for error message



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.validate\_research\_inputs      *Validate Research Inputs*

---

### Description

Validate Research Inputs

### Usage

```
.validate_research_inputs(  
    query,  
    schema,  
    output,  
    workers,  
    max_rounds,  
    budget,  
    stop_policy,  
    sources,  
    checkpoint_dir,  
    resume_from  
)
```

---

.validate\_run\_agent      *Validate run\_agent() Parameters*

---

### Description

Validate run\_agent() Parameters

### Usage

```
.validate_run_agent(prompt, agent, recursion_limit, verbose)
```

---

.validate\_run\_task      *Validate run\_task() Parameters*

---

### Description

Validate run\_task() Parameters

### Usage

```
.validate_run_task(prompt, output_format, agent, verbose)
```

---

.validate_run_task_batch	<i>Validate run_task_batch() Parameters</i>
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**Description**

Validate run\_task\_batch() Parameters

**Usage**

```
.validate_run_task_batch(  
  prompts,  
  output_format,  
  agent,  
  parallel,  
  workers,  
  progress  
)
```

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.validate_s3_class	<i>Validate S3 Class</i>
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**Description**

Validate S3 Class

**Usage**

```
.validate_s3_class(x, param_name, expected_class)
```

**Arguments**

- x                    Value to check
- param\_name        Name for error message
- expected\_class   Expected S3 class name

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<code>.validate_string</code>	<i>Validate Non-Empty String</i>
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**Description**

Validate Non-Empty String

**Usage**

```
.validate_string(x, param_name, allow_empty = FALSE, allow_na = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Value to check
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error message
<code>allow_empty</code>	Allow empty strings (default: FALSE)
<code>allow_na</code>	Allow NA values (default: FALSE)

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<code>.validate_string_vector</code>	<i>Validate Character Vector (Non-Empty)</i>
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**Description**

Validate Character Vector (Non-Empty)

**Usage**

```
.validate_string_vector(x, param_name, min_length = 1L)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Value to check
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error message
<code>min_length</code>	Minimum required length (default: 1)

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<code>.validate_temporal</code>	<i>Validate Temporal Filtering Parameters</i>
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**Description**

Validates and normalizes temporal filtering parameters used by `run_task()` and `asa_enumerate()`. Returns a normalized list or NULL if input is NULL.

**Usage**

```
.validate_temporal(temporal, param_name = "temporal")
```

**Arguments**

<code>temporal</code>	Named list with temporal filtering options, or NULL
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error messages (default: "temporal")

**Value**

Normalized temporal list or NULL

---

<code>.with_search_config</code>	<i>Apply Search Configuration for a Single Operation</i>
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**Description**

Internal helper that applies search settings, runs a function, and restores the original configuration afterward.

**Usage**

```
.with_search_config(search, conda_env = "asa_env", fn)
```

**Arguments**

<code>search</code>	<code>asa_search</code> object or list of search settings
<code>conda_env</code>	Conda env used by search tools
<code>fn</code>	Function to run with search config applied

**Value**

Result of `fn()`

---

.with_temporal	Apply Temporal Filtering for a Single Operation
----------------	---

---

### Description

Internal helper that applies temporal filtering, runs a function, and restores the original setting. Used by `run_task()` and `run_task_batch()`.

### Usage

```
.with_temporal(temporal, fn)
```

### Arguments

temporal	Named list with temporal options (time_filter, after, before)
fn	Function to run with temporal filtering applied

### Value

Result of `fn()`

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as.data.frame.asa_audit_result	Convert asa_audit_result to Data Frame
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### Description

Convert `asa_audit_result` to Data Frame

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_audit_result'
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	An <code>asa_audit_result</code> object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

### Value

The audited `data.frame` with audit columns

```
as.data.frame.asa_enumerate_result
```

*Convert asa\_enumerate\_result to Data Frame*

---

### Description

Convert asa\_enumerate\_result to Data Frame

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_enumerate_result'  
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	An asa_enumerate_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

### Value

The data data.frame from the result

---

```
as.data.frame.asa_result
```

*Convert asa\_result to Data Frame*

---

### Description

Convert asa\_result to Data Frame

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_result'  
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	An asa_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

### Value

A single-row data frame

---

ASA\_ADAPTIVE\_RATE\_DECREASE

*Adaptive Rate Decrease Factor (on success streak)*

---

**Description**

Multiply delays by this factor after 10 consecutive successes.

**Usage**

ASA\_ADAPTIVE\_RATE\_DECREASE

**Format**

An object of class `numeric` of length 1.

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ASA\_ADAPTIVE\_RATE\_ENABLED

*Enable Adaptive Rate Limiting*

---

**Description**

When TRUE, dynamically adjust delays based on success/error patterns.

**Usage**

ASA\_ADAPTIVE\_RATE\_ENABLED

**Format**

An object of class `logical` of length 1.

---

ASA\_ADAPTIVE\_RATE\_INCREASE

*Adaptive Rate Increase Factor (on error)*

---

**Description**

Multiply delays by this factor when CAPTCHA/block detected.

**Usage**

ASA\_ADAPTIVE\_RATE\_INCREASE

**Format**

An object of class `numeric` of length 1.

---

ASA_ADAPTIVE_RATE_MAX	<i>Adaptive Rate Maximum Multiplier</i>
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**Description**

Cap on delay multiplier to prevent excessive slowdown.

**Usage**

ASA\_ADAPTIVE\_RATE\_MAX

**Format**

An object of class `numeric` of length 1.

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ASA_ADAPTIVE_RATE_MIN	<i>Adaptive Rate Minimum Multiplier</i>
-----------------------	---

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**Description**

Floor on delay multiplier to maintain some speed.

**Usage**

ASA\_ADAPTIVE\_RATE\_MIN

**Format**

An object of class `numeric` of length 1.

---

ASA_ADAPTIVE_RATE_WINDOW	<i>Adaptive Rate Window Size (requests)</i>
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**Description**

Number of recent requests to consider for adaptive rate adjustment.

**Usage**

ASA\_ADAPTIVE\_RATE\_WINDOW

**Format**

An object of class `integer` of length 1.



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asa_agent	<i>Constructor for asa_agent Objects</i>
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**Description**

Creates an S3 object representing an initialized ASA search agent.

**Usage**

asa\_agent(python\_agent, backend, model, config, llm = NULL, tools = NULL)

**Arguments**

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| python_agent | The underlying Python agent object               |
| backend      | LLM backend name (e.g., "openai", "groq")        |
| model        | Model identifier                                 |
| config       | Agent configuration list                         |
| llm          | Optional LLM object used by LangGraph            |
| tools        | Optional list of tools associated with the agent |

**Value**

An object of class asa\_agent

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ASA_API_ENDPOINTS	<i>Backend API Endpoints</i>
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**Description**

Backend API Endpoints

**Usage**

ASA\_API\_ENDPOINTS

**Format**

An object of class list of length 3.

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ASA_API_KEY_ENV_VARS	<i>Environment Variables for API Keys</i>
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**Description**

Environment Variables for API Keys

**Usage**

ASA\_API\_KEY\_ENV\_VARS

**Format**

An object of class list of length 5.

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asa_audit	<i>Audit Enumeration Results for Completeness and Quality</i>
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---

**Description**

Validates enumeration results for completeness, consistency, and data quality using either Claude Code (CLI) or a LangGraph-based audit pipeline.

**Usage**

```
asa_audit(  
  result,  
  query = NULL,  
  known_universe = NULL,  
  checks = c("completeness", "consistency", "gaps", "anomalies"),  
  backend = c("claude_code", "langgraph"),  
  claude_model = "claude-sonnet-4-20250514",  
  llm_model = "gpt-4.1-mini",  
  interactive = FALSE,  
  confidence_threshold = 0.8,  
  timeout = 120,  
  verbose = TRUE,  
  agent = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

result	An asa_enumerate_result object or a data.frame to audit
query	The original enumeration query (inferred from result if NULL)
known_universe	Optional vector of expected items for completeness check
checks	Character vector of checks to perform. Options: "completeness", "consistency", "gaps", "anomalies". Default runs all checks.
backend	Backend to use for auditing: "claude_code" (CLI) or "langgraph"

claude_model	Model to use with Claude Code backend
llm_model	Model to use with LangGraph backend
interactive	If TRUE and using claude_code backend, spawn an interactive Claude Code session instead of programmatic invocation
confidence_threshold	Flag items with confidence below this threshold
timeout	Timeout in seconds for the audit operation
verbose	Print progress messages
agent	Existing asa_agent for LangGraph backend (optional)

## Details

The audit function adds three columns to the data:

- `_audit_flag`: "ok", "warning", or "suspect"
- `_audit_notes`: Explanation of any issues
- `_confidence_adjusted`: Revised confidence after audit

### ## Audit Checks

**completeness**: Checks for missing items by comparing against `known_universe` (if provided) or using domain knowledge.

**consistency**: Validates data types, patterns, and value ranges.

**gaps**: Identifies systematic patterns of missing data (geographic, temporal, categorical gaps).

**anomalies**: Detects duplicates, outliers, and suspicious patterns.

## Value

An `asa_audit_result` object containing:

data	Original data with audit columns added ( <code>_audit_flag</code> , <code>_audit_notes</code> )
audit_summary	High-level summary of findings
issues	List of identified issues with severity and descriptions
recommendations	Suggested remediation queries
completeness_score	0-1 score for data completeness
consistency_score	0-1 score for data consistency

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Audit enumeration results with Claude Code
senators <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find all current US senators",
  schema = c(name = "character", state = "character", party = "character")
)
audit <- asa_audit(senators, backend = "claude_code")
print(audit)
```

```
# Audit with known universe for precise completeness check
audit <- asa_audit(senators, known_universe = state.abb)

# Interactive mode for complex audits
asa_audit(senators, backend = "claude_code", interactive = TRUE)

# Use LangGraph backend
audit <- asa_audit(senators, backend = "langgraph", agent = agent)

## End(Not run)
```

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asa_audit_result	<i>Constructor for asa_audit_result Objects</i>
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---

## Description

Creates an S3 object representing the result of a data quality audit.

## Usage

```
asa_audit_result(
  data,
  audit_summary,
  issues,
  recommendations,
  completeness_score,
  consistency_score,
  backend_used,
  elapsed_time,
  query = NULL,
  checks = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

data	data.frame with original data plus audit columns ( <code>_audit_flag</code> , <code>_audit_notes</code> )
audit_summary	Character string with high-level findings
issues	List of identified issues with severity and descriptions
recommendations	Character vector of suggested remediation queries
completeness_score	Numeric 0-1 score for data completeness
consistency_score	Numeric 0-1 score for data consistency
backend_used	Which backend performed the audit ("claude_code" or "langgraph")
elapsed_time	Execution time in seconds
query	The original query (if available)
checks	Character vector of checks that were performed

**Value**

An object of class asa\_audit\_result

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ASA\_CIRCUIT\_BREAKER\_COOLDOWN  
*Circuit Breaker Cooldown Period (seconds to wait when tripped)*

---

**Description**

Circuit Breaker Cooldown Period (seconds to wait when tripped)

**Usage**

ASA\_CIRCUIT\_BREAKER\_COOLDOWN

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

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ASA\_CIRCUIT\_BREAKER\_ENABLED  
*Enable Circuit Breaker by default*

---

**Description**

Enable Circuit Breaker by default

**Usage**

ASA\_CIRCUIT\_BREAKER\_ENABLED

**Format**

An object of class logical of length 1.

---

ASA\_CIRCUIT\_BREAKER\_THRESHOLD  
*Circuit Breaker Error Threshold (trip if error rate exceeds this)*

---

**Description**

Circuit Breaker Error Threshold (trip if error rate exceeds this)

**Usage**

ASA\_CIRCUIT\_BREAKER\_THRESHOLD

**Format**

An object of class numeric of length 1.

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ASA_CIRCUIT_BREAKER_WINDOW	<i>Circuit Breaker Window Size (number of recent requests to consider)</i>
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**Description**

Circuit Breaker Window Size (number of recent requests to consider)

**Usage**

ASA\_CIRCUIT\_BREAKER\_WINDOW

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

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asa_config	<i>Create ASA Configuration Object</i>
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**Description**

Creates a configuration object that encapsulates all settings for ASA tasks. This provides a unified way to configure backend, model, search, temporal, and resource settings in a single object.

**Usage**

```
asa_config(  
  backend = NULL,  
  model = NULL,  
  conda_env = NULL,  
  proxy = NULL,  
  workers = NULL,  
  timeout = NULL,  
  rate_limit = NULL,  
  memory_folding = NULL,  
  memory_threshold = NULL,  
  memory_keep_recent = NULL,  
  temporal = NULL,  
  search = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

backend	LLM backend: "openai", "groq", "xai", "exo", "openrouter"
model	Model identifier (e.g., "gpt-4.1-mini")
conda_env	Conda environment name (default: "asa_env")
proxy	SOCKS5 proxy URL or NULL to disable
workers	Number of parallel workers for batch operations

timeout	Request timeout in seconds
rate_limit	Requests per second
memory_folding	Enable DeepAgent-style memory folding
memory_threshold	Messages before folding triggers
memory_keep_recent	Messages to preserve after folding
temporal	Temporal filtering options (use <code>temporal_options()</code> )
search	Search configuration (use <code>search_options()</code> )

### Details

The configuration object can be passed to `run_task()`, `run_task_batch()`, `asa_enumerate()`, and other functions to provide consistent settings across operations.

### Value

An object of class `asa_config`

### See Also

[temporal\\_options](#), [search\\_options](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Create configuration
config <- asa_config(
  backend = "openai",
  model = "gpt-4.1-mini",
  workers = 4,
  temporal = temporal_options(time_filter = "y")
)

# Use with run_task
result <- run_task(prompt, config = config)

## End(Not run)
```

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ASA_DEFAULT_BACKEND	<i>Default Backend</i>
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### Description

Default Backend

### Usage

```
ASA_DEFAULT_BACKEND
```

**Format**

An object of class character of length 1.

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ASA\_DEFAULT\_BUDGET\_QUERIES  
*Default Budget: Queries*

---

**Description**

Default Budget: Queries

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_BUDGET\_QUERIES

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_BUDGET\_TIME  
*Default Budget: Time (seconds)*

---

**Description**

Default Budget: Time (seconds)

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_BUDGET\_TIME

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_BUDGET\_TOKENS  
*Default Budget: Tokens*

---

**Description**

Default Budget: Tokens

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_BUDGET\_TOKENS

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.



---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_CAPTCHA\_BACKOFF\_BASE

*Default CAPTCHA Backoff Base Multiplier*

---

**Description**

Aggressive backoff on CAPTCHA: 5.0x multiplier. Results in 5s, 10s, 15s delays on successive CAPTCHA encounters.

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_CAPTCHA\_BACKOFF\_BASE

**Format**

An object of class `numeric` of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_CONDA\_ENV    *Default Conda Environment*

---

**Description**

Default Conda Environment

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_CONDA\_ENV

**Format**

An object of class `character` of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_INTER\_SEARCH\_DELAY

*Default Inter-Search Delay (seconds)*

---

**Description**

Conservative default: 2.0 seconds between searches. More human-like pacing to avoid detection at high volumes.

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_INTER\_SEARCH\_DELAY

**Format**

An object of class `numeric` of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MAX\_RESULTS

*Default Max Search Results*

---

**Description**

Default Max Search Results

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MAX\_RESULTS

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MAX\_RETRIES

*Default Max Retries*

---

**Description**

Default Max Retries

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MAX\_RETRIES

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MAX\_ROUNDS

*Default Max Rounds for Enumeration*

---

**Description**

Default Max Rounds for Enumeration

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MAX\_ROUNDS

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MEMORY\_FOLDING

*Default Memory Folding Enabled*

---

**Description**

Default Memory Folding Enabled

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MEMORY\_FOLDING

**Format**

An object of class logical of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MEMORY\_KEEP\_RECENT

*Default Messages to Keep After Folding*

---

**Description**

Default Messages to Keep After Folding

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MEMORY\_KEEP\_RECENT

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MEMORY\_THRESHOLD

*Default Memory Threshold (messages before folding)*

---

**Description**

Default Memory Threshold (messages before folding)

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MEMORY\_THRESHOLD

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA_DEFAULT_MODEL	<i>Default Model</i>
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**Description**

Default Model

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_MODEL

**Format**

An object of class character of length 1.

---

ASA_DEFAULT_NOVELTY_MIN	<i>Default Minimum Novelty Rate</i>
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---

**Description**

Default Minimum Novelty Rate

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_NOVELTY\_MIN

**Format**

An object of class numeric of length 1.

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ASA_DEFAULT_NOVELTY_WINDOW	<i>Default Novelty Window</i>
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**Description**

Default Novelty Window

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_NOVELTY\_WINDOW

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_PAGE\_LOAD\_WAIT

*Default Page Load Wait (seconds)*

---

**Description**

Default Page Load Wait (seconds)

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_PAGE\_LOAD\_WAIT

**Format**

An object of class numeric of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_PLATEAU\_ROUNDS

*Default Plateau Rounds for Stopping*

---

**Description**

Default Plateau Rounds for Stopping

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_PLATEAU\_ROUNDS

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_PROXY

*Default Proxy URL (Tor SOCKS5)*

---

**Description**

Default Proxy URL (Tor SOCKS5)

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_PROXY

**Format**

An object of class character of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_RATE\_LIMIT

*Default Rate Limit (requests per second)*

---

**Description**

Conservative default: 0.1 = 10 seconds between requests. Tuned for heavy volume (1000+ queries/day) to reduce CAPTCHA/blocks.

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_RATE\_LIMIT

**Format**

An object of class `numeric` of length 1.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_TEMPERATURES

*Default Temperatures by Backend*

---

**Description**

Default Temperatures by Backend

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_TEMPERATURES

**Format**

An object of class `list` of length 5.

---

ASA\_DEFAULT\_TIMEOUT

*Default Request Timeout (seconds)*

---

**Description**

Default Request Timeout (seconds)

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_TIMEOUT

**Format**

An object of class `integer` of length 1.

---

ASA_DEFAULT_WIKI_CHARS	<i>Default Wikipedia Content Chars</i>
------------------------	--

---

**Description**

Default Wikipedia Content Chars

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_WIKI\_CHARS

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA_DEFAULT_WIKI_TOP_K	<i>Default Wikipedia Top K Results</i>
------------------------	--

---

**Description**

Default Wikipedia Top K Results

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_WIKI\_TOP\_K

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA_DEFAULT_WORKERS	<i>Default Max Workers for Enumeration</i>
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---

**Description**

Default Max Workers for Enumeration

**Usage**

ASA\_DEFAULT\_WORKERS

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

asa_enumerate	<i>Multi-Agent Research for Open-Ended Queries</i>
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**Description**

Performs intelligent open-ended research tasks using multi-agent orchestration. Decomposes complex queries into sub-tasks, executes parallel searches, and aggregates results into structured output (data.frame, CSV, or JSON).

**Usage**

```
asa_enumerate(  
  query,  
  schema = NULL,  
  output = c("data.frame", "csv", "json"),  
  workers = NULL,  
  max_rounds = NULL,  
  budget = list(queries = 50L, tokens = 200000L, time_sec = 300L),  
  stop_policy = list(target_items = NULL, plateau_rounds = 2L, novelty_min = 0.05,  
    novelty_window = 20L),  
  sources = list(web = TRUE, wikipedia = TRUE, wikidata = TRUE),  
  temporal = NULL,  
  pagination = TRUE,  
  progress = TRUE,  
  include_provenance = FALSE,  
  checkpoint = TRUE,  
  checkpoint_dir = tempdir(),  
  resume_from = NULL,  
  agent = NULL,  
  backend = NULL,  
  model = NULL,  
  conda_env = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

query	Character string describing the research goal. Examples: "Find all current US senators with their state, party, and term end date"
schema	Named character vector defining the output schema. Names are column names, values are R types ("character", "numeric", "logical"). Use NULL or "auto" for LLM-proposed schema.
output	Output format: "data.frame" (default), "csv", or "json".
workers	Number of parallel search workers. Defaults to value from ASA_DEFAULT_WORKERS (typically 4).
max_rounds	Maximum research iterations. Defaults to value from ASA_DEFAULT_MAX_ROUNDS (typically 8).
budget	Named list with resource limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• queries: Maximum search queries (default: 50)</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>tokens</code>: Maximum LLM tokens (default: 200000)</li> <li>• <code>time_sec</code>: Maximum execution time in seconds (default: 300)</li> </ul>
<code>stop_policy</code>	<p>Named list with stopping criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>target_items</code>: Stop when this many items found (NULL = unknown)</li> <li>• <code>plateau_rounds</code>: Stop after N rounds with no new items (default: 2)</li> <li>• <code>novelty_min</code>: Minimum new items ratio per round (default: 0.05)</li> <li>• <code>novelty_window</code>: Window size for novelty calculation (default: 20)</li> </ul>
<code>sources</code>	<p>Named list controlling which sources to use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>web</code>: Use DuckDuckGo web search (default: TRUE)</li> <li>• <code>wikipedia</code>: Use Wikipedia (default: TRUE)</li> <li>• <code>wikidata</code>: Use Wikidata SPARQL for authoritative enumerations (default: TRUE)</li> </ul>
<code>temporal</code>	<p>Named list for temporal filtering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>after</code>: ISO 8601 date string (e.g., "2020-01-01") - results after this date</li> <li>• <code>before</code>: ISO 8601 date string (e.g., "2024-01-01") - results before this date</li> <li>• <code>time_filter</code>: DuckDuckGo time filter ("d", "w", "m", "y") for day/week/month/year</li> <li>• <code>strictness</code>: "best_effort" (default) or "strict" (verifies dates via metadata)</li> <li>• <code>use_wayback</code>: Use Wayback Machine for strict pre-date guarantees (default: FALSE)</li> </ul>
<code>pagination</code>	Enable pagination for large result sets (default: TRUE).
<code>progress</code>	Show progress bar and status updates (default: TRUE).
<code>include_provenance</code>	Include source URLs and confidence per row (default: FALSE).
<code>checkpoint</code>	Enable auto-save after each round (default: TRUE).
<code>checkpoint_dir</code>	Directory for checkpoint files (default: <code>tempdir()</code> ).
<code>resume_from</code>	Path to checkpoint file to resume from (default: NULL).
<code>agent</code>	An initialized <code>asa_agent</code> object. If NULL, uses the current agent or creates a new one with specified backend/model.
<code>backend</code>	LLM backend if creating new agent: "openai", "groq", "xai", "openrouter".
<code>model</code>	Model identifier if creating new agent.
<code>conda_env</code>	Conda environment name (default: "asa_env").
<code>verbose</code>	Print status messages (default: TRUE).

## Details

The function uses a multi-agent architecture:

1. **Planner**: Decomposes query into facets and identifies authoritative sources
2. **Dispatcher**: Spawns parallel workers for each facet
3. **Workers**: Execute searches using DDG, Wikipedia, and Wikidata
4. **Extractor**: Normalizes results to match schema
5. **Deduper**: Removes duplicates using hash + fuzzy matching
6. **Stopper**: Evaluates stopping criteria (novelty, budget, saturation)

For known entity types (US senators, countries, Fortune 500), Wikidata provides authoritative enumerations with complete, verified data.

**Value**

An object of class `asa_enumerate_result` containing:

- `data`: `data.frame` with results matching the schema
- `status`: "complete", "partial", or "failed"
- `stop_reason`: Why the search stopped
- `metrics`: List with rounds, queries\_used, novelty\_curve, coverage
- `provenance`: If `include_provenance=TRUE`, source info per row
- `checkpoint_file`: Path to checkpoint if saved

**Checkpointing**

With `checkpoint=TRUE`, state is saved after each round. If interrupted, use `resume_from` to continue from the last checkpoint:

```
result <- asa_enumerate(query, resume_from = "/path/to/checkpoint.rds")
```

**Schema**

The schema defines expected output columns:

```
schema = c(name = "character", state = "character", party = "character")
```

With `schema = "auto"`, the planner agent proposes a schema based on the query.

**See Also**

[run\\_task](#), [initialize\\_agent](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Find all US senators
senators <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find all current US senators with state, party, and term end date",
  schema = c(name = "character", state = "character",
             party = "character", term_end = "character"),
  stop_policy = list(target_items = 100),
  include_provenance = TRUE
)
head(senators$data)

# Find countries with auto schema
countries <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find all countries with their capitals and populations",
  schema = "auto",
  output = "csv"
)

# Resume from checkpoint
result <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find Fortune 500 CEOs",
  resume_from = "/tmp/asa_enumerate_abc123.rds"
)
```

```
# Temporal filtering: results from specific date range
companies_2020s <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find tech companies founded recently",
  temporal = list(
    after = "2020-01-01",
    before = "2024-01-01",
    strictness = "best_effort"
  )
)

# Temporal filtering: past year with DuckDuckGo time filter
recent_news <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find AI research breakthroughs",
  temporal = list(
    time_filter = "y" # past year
  )
)

# Strict temporal filtering with Wayback Machine
historical <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find Fortune 500 companies",
  temporal = list(
    before = "2015-01-01",
    strictness = "strict",
    use_wayback = TRUE
  )
)

## End(Not run)
```

---

asa\_enumerate\_result    *Constructor for asa\_enumerate\_result Objects*

---

## Description

Creates an S3 object representing the result of an enumeration task.

## Usage

```
asa_enumerate_result(
  data,
  status,
  stop_reason,
  metrics,
  provenance = NULL,
  plan = NULL,
  checkpoint_file = NULL,
  query = NULL,
  schema = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame containing the enumeration results
status	Result status: "complete", "partial", or "failed"
stop_reason	Why the enumeration stopped (e.g., "target_reached", "novelty_plateau")
metrics	List with execution metrics (rounds, queries_used, etc.)
provenance	Optional data.frame with source information per row
plan	The enumeration plan from the planner agent
checkpoint_file	Path to saved checkpoint file
query	The original enumeration query
schema	The schema used for extraction

**Value**

An object of class `asa_enumerate_result`

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ASA_HUMANIZE_TIMING	<i>Enable Humanized Timing (random jitter on delays)</i>
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---

**Description**

Enable Humanized Timing (random jitter on delays)

**Usage**

```
ASA_HUMANIZE_TIMING
```

**Format**

An object of class `logical` of length 1.

---

ASA_JITTER_FACTOR	<i>Jitter Factor for random timing variation</i>
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---

**Description**

Jitter Factor for random timing variation

**Usage**

```
ASA_JITTER_FACTOR
```

**Format**

An object of class `numeric` of length 1.

---

ASA_OUTPUT_FORMATS	<i>Valid Output Formats</i>
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---

**Description**

Valid Output Formats

**Usage**

ASA\_OUTPUT\_FORMATS

**Format**

An object of class character of length 3.

---

ASA_PRINT_WIDTH	<i>Print Width for Output</i>
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---

**Description**

Print Width for Output

**Usage**

ASA\_PRINT\_WIDTH

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA_PROACTIVE_ROTATION_ENABLED	<i>Enable Proactive Tor Circuit Rotation</i>
--------------------------------	--

---

**Description**

When TRUE, rotate Tor circuit every N requests (not just on error).

**Usage**

ASA\_PROACTIVE\_ROTATION\_ENABLED

**Format**

An object of class logical of length 1.

---

`ASA_PROACTIVE_ROTATION_INTERVAL`*Proactive Rotation Interval (requests)*

---

**Description**

Rotate Tor circuit every 15 requests to get fresh exit node IP.

**Usage**`ASA_PROACTIVE_ROTATION_INTERVAL`**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

`ASA_RATE_LIMIT_BUCKET_SIZE`*Proactive Rate Limit Bucket Size (max tokens)*

---

**Description**

Proactive Rate Limit Bucket Size (max tokens)

**Usage**`ASA_RATE_LIMIT_BUCKET_SIZE`**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

`ASA_RATE_LIMIT_PROACTIVE`*Enable Proactive Rate Limiting (default: TRUE)*

---

**Description**

Enable Proactive Rate Limiting (default: TRUE)

**Usage**`ASA_RATE_LIMIT_PROACTIVE`**Format**

An object of class logical of length 1.

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ASA_RATE_LIMIT_WAIT	<i>Rate Limit Wait Time (seconds)</i>
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**Description**

Rate Limit Wait Time (seconds)

**Usage**

ASA\_RATE\_LIMIT\_WAIT

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA_RECURSION_LIMIT_FOLDING	<i>Recursion Limit with Memory Folding</i>
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---

**Description**

Recursion Limit with Memory Folding

**Usage**

ASA\_RECURSION\_LIMIT\_FOLDING

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

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ASA_RECURSION_LIMIT_STANDARD	<i>Recursion Limit without Memory Folding</i>
------------------------------	---

---

**Description**

Recursion Limit without Memory Folding

**Usage**

ASA\_RECURSION\_LIMIT\_STANDARD

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

asa_response	<i>Constructor for asa_response Objects</i>
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**Description**

Creates an S3 object representing an agent response.

**Usage**

```
asa_response(  
  message,  
  status_code,  
  raw_response,  
  trace,  
  elapsed_time,  
  fold_count,  
  prompt  
)
```

**Arguments**

message	The final response text
status_code	Status code (200 = success, 100 = error)
raw_response	The full Python response object
trace	Full text trace of agent execution
elapsed_time	Execution time in minutes
fold_count	Number of memory folds performed
prompt	The original prompt

**Value**

An object of class asa\_response

---

asa_result	<i>Constructor for asa_result Objects</i>
------------	---

---

**Description**

Creates an S3 object representing the result of a research task.



Usage

```
asa_result(  
  prompt,  
  message,  
  parsed,  
  raw_output,  
  elapsed_time,  
  status,  
  search_tier = "unknown",  
  parsing_status = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

prompt	The original prompt
message	The agent’s response text
parsed	Parsed output (list or NULL)
raw_output	Full agent trace
elapsed_time	Execution time in minutes
status	Status ("success" or "error")
search_tier	Which search tier was used ("primp", "selenium", "ddgs", "requests", or "unknown"). Useful for assessing result quality.
parsing_status	List with JSON parsing validation info: valid (logical), reason ("ok", "parsing_failed", "not_object", "missing_fields", "null_values", "no_validation"), and missing (character vector of missing/invalid fields).

Value

An object of class `asa_result`

---

ASA_SESSION_RESET_ENABLED
<i>Enable Session Reset</i>

---

Description

When TRUE, periodically reset session identity to avoid fingerprinting.

Usage

```
ASA_SESSION_RESET_ENABLED
```

Format

An object of class `logical` of length 1.

---

ASA_SESSION_RESET_INTERVAL	<i>Session Reset Interval (requests)</i>
----------------------------	--

---

**Description**

Reset session identity every 50 requests (clear cookies, shuffle UA).

**Usage**

ASA\_SESSION\_RESET\_INTERVAL

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA_STATUS_ERROR	<i>Status Code: Error</i>
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---

**Description**

Status Code: Error

**Usage**

ASA\_STATUS\_ERROR

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA_STATUS_SUCCESS	<i>Status Code: Success</i>
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---

**Description**

Status Code: Success

**Usage**

ASA\_STATUS\_SUCCESS

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

ASA_SUPPORTED_BACKENDS	<i>Supported Backends</i>
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---

**Description**

Supported Backends

**Usage**

ASA\_SUPPORTED\_BACKENDS

**Format**

An object of class character of length 5.

---

ASA_TEMPORAL_STRICTNESS	<i>Valid Temporal Strictness Levels</i>
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---

**Description**

Valid Temporal Strictness Levels

**Usage**

ASA\_TEMPORAL\_STRICTNESS

**Format**

An object of class character of length 2.

---

ASA_TIME_FILTERS	<i>Valid Temporal Time Filters</i>
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---

**Description**

Valid Temporal Time Filters

**Usage**

ASA\_TIME\_FILTERS

**Format**

An object of class character of length 4.

---

ASA_TOR_MIN_ROTATION_INTERVAL	<i>Minimum Tor Rotation Interval (seconds)</i>
-------------------------------	--

---

**Description**

Minimum time between Tor circuit rotations to avoid hammering.

**Usage**

ASA\_TOR\_MIN\_ROTATION\_INTERVAL

**Format**

An object of class numeric of length 1.

---

ASA_TRUNCATE_LENGTH	<i>String Truncation Length</i>
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---

**Description**

String Truncation Length

**Usage**

ASA\_TRUNCATE\_LENGTH

**Format**

An object of class integer of length 1.

---

build_backend	<i>Build the Python Backend Environment</i>
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---

**Description**

Creates a conda environment with all required Python dependencies for the asa search agent, including LangChain, LangGraph, and search tools.

**Usage**

build\_backend(conda\_env = "asa\_env", conda = "auto", python\_version = "3.13")

**Arguments**

- conda\_env        Name of the conda environment (default: "asa\_env")
- conda            Path to conda executable (default: "auto")
- python\_version   Python version to use (default: "3.13")

## Details

This function creates a new conda environment and installs the following Python packages:

- langchain\_groq, langchain\_community, langchain\_openai
- langgraph
- ddgs (DuckDuckGo search)
- selenium, primp (browser automation)
- beautifulsoup4, requests
- fake\_headers, httpx
- pysocks, socksio (proxy support)

## Value

Invisibly returns NULL; called for side effects.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Create the default environment  
build_backend()  
  
# Create with a custom name  
build_backend(conda_env = "my_asa_env")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

build\_prompt

*Build a Task Prompt from Template*

---

## Description

Creates a formatted prompt by substituting variables into a template.

## Usage

```
build_prompt(template, ...)
```

## Arguments

template	A character string with placeholders in the form {variable_name}
...	Named arguments to substitute into the template

## Value

A formatted prompt string

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
prompt <- build_prompt(
  template = "Find information about {{name}} in {{country}} during {{year}}",
  name = "Marie Curie",
  country = "France",
  year = 1903
)

## End(Not run)
```

check\_backend

*Check Python Environment Availability***Description**

Checks if the required Python environment and packages are available.

**Usage**

```
check_backend(conda_env = "asa_env")
```

**Arguments**

conda\_env      Name of the conda environment to check

**Value**

A list with components:

- available: Logical, TRUE if environment is ready
- conda\_env: Name of the environment checked
- python\_version: Python version if available
- missing\_packages: Character vector of missing packages (if any)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
status <- check_backend()
if (!status$available) {
  build_backend()
}

## End(Not run)
```

---

clean_whitespace	<i>Clean Whitespace</i>
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---

**Description**

Normalizes whitespace in a string by collapsing multiple spaces and trimming leading/trailing whitespace.

**Usage**

```
clean_whitespace(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Character string
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**Value**

Cleaned string

---

configure_search	<i>Configure Python Search Parameters</i>
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**Description**

Sets global configuration values for the Python search module. These values control timeouts, retry behavior, and result limits.

**Usage**

```
configure_search(
    max_results = NULL,
    timeout = NULL,
    max_retries = NULL,
    retry_delay = NULL,
    backoff_multiplier = NULL,
    captcha_backoff_base = NULL,
    page_load_wait = NULL,
    inter_search_delay = NULL,
    conda_env = "asa_env"
)
```

**Arguments**

max_results	Maximum number of search results to return (default: 10)
timeout	HTTP request timeout in seconds (default: 15)
max_retries	Maximum retry attempts on failure (default: 3)
retry_delay	Initial delay between retries in seconds (default: 2)

backoff_multiplier	Multiplier for exponential backoff (default: 1.5)
captcha_backoff_base	Base multiplier for CAPTCHA backoff (default: 3)
page_load_wait	Wait time after page load in seconds (default: 2)
inter_search_delay	Delay between consecutive searches in seconds (default: 0.5)
conda_env	Name of the conda environment (default: "asa_env")

### Value

Invisibly returns a list with the current configuration

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Increase timeout for slow connections
configure_search(timeout = 30, max_retries = 5)

# Get more results
configure_search(max_results = 20)

# Add delay between searches to avoid rate limiting
configure_search(inter_search_delay = 2.0)

## End(Not run)
```

---

configure\_search\_logging

*Configure Python Search Logging Level*

---

### Description

Sets the logging level for the Python search module. This controls how much diagnostic output is produced during web searches.

### Usage

```
configure_search_logging(level = "WARNING", conda_env = "asa_env")
```

### Arguments

level	Log level: "DEBUG", "INFO", "WARNING" (default), "ERROR", or "CRITICAL"
conda_env	Name of the conda environment (default: "asa_env")



**Details**

Log levels from most to least verbose:

- **DEBUG:** Detailed diagnostic information for debugging
- **INFO:** General operational information
- **WARNING:** Indicates something unexpected but not an error (default)
- **ERROR:** Serious problems that prevented an operation
- **CRITICAL:** Very serious errors

**Value**

Invisibly returns the current logging level

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Enable verbose debugging output
configure_search_logging("DEBUG")

# Run a search (will show detailed logs)
result <- run_task("What is the population of Tokyo?", agent = agent)

# Disable verbose output
configure_search_logging("WARNING")

## End(Not run)
```

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configure_temporal	<i>Configure Temporal Filtering for Search</i>
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**Description**

Sets or clears temporal filtering on the DuckDuckGo search tool. This affects all subsequent searches until changed or cleared.

**Usage**

```
configure_temporal(time_filter = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

time_filter	DuckDuckGo time filter: "d" (day), "w" (week), "m" (month), "y" (year), or NULL/NA/"none" to clear
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**Details**

This function modifies the search tool's time parameter, which is passed to DuckDuckGo as the df parameter. The filter restricts results to content indexed within the specified time period.

Note: This only affects DuckDuckGo searches. For Wikidata queries with temporal filtering, use `asa_enumerate()` with its temporal parameter.

**Value**

Invisibly returns the previous time filter setting

**Time Filter Values**

- "d": Past 24 hours (day)
- "w": Past 7 days (week)
- "m": Past 30 days (month)
- "y": Past 365 days (year)
- NULL, NA, or "none": No time restriction (default)

**See Also**

[run\\_task](#), [asa\\_enumerate](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Restrict to past year
configure_temporal("y")
result <- run_task("Find recent AI breakthroughs", agent = agent)

# Clear temporal filter
configure_temporal(NULL)

# Past week only
configure_temporal("w")

## End(Not run)
```

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decode\_html

*Decode HTML Entities*

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**Description**

Converts HTML entities to their character equivalents.

**Usage**

```
decode_html(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      Character string with HTML entities

**Value**

Decoded string

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**extract\_agent\_results** *Extract Structured Data from Agent Traces*

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**Description**

Parses raw agent output to extract search snippets, Wikipedia content, URLs, JSON data, and search tier information. This is the main function for post-processing agent traces.

**Usage**

```
extract_agent_results(raw_output)
```

**Arguments**

raw_output	Raw output string from agent invocation (the trace field from an asa_response object)
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**Value**

A list with components:

- search\_snippets: Character vector of search result content
- search\_urls: Character vector of URLs from search results
- wikipedia\_snippets: Character vector of Wikipedia content
- json\_data: Extracted JSON data as a list (if present)
- search\_tiers: Character vector of unique search tiers used (e.g., "primp", "selenium", "ddgs", "requests")

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
response <- run_agent("Who is the president of France?", agent)
extracted <- extract_agent_results(response$trace)
print(extracted$search_snippets)
print(extracted$search_tiers) # Shows which search tier was used

## End(Not run)
```

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**extract\_search\_snippets***Extract Search Snippets by Source Number*

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**Description**

Extracts content from Search tool messages in the agent trace.

**Usage**

```
extract_search_snippets(text)
```

**Arguments**

text                      Raw agent trace text

**Value**

Character vector of search snippets, ordered by source number

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
snippets <- extract_search_snippets(response$trace)

## End(Not run)
```

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extract\_search\_tiers    *Extract Search Tier Information*

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**Description**

Extracts which search tier was used from the agent trace. The search module uses a multi-tier fallback system:

- primp: Fast HTTP client with browser impersonation (Tier 0)
- selenium: Headless browser for JS-rendered content (Tier 1)
- ddgs: Standard DDGS Python library (Tier 2)
- requests: Raw POST to DuckDuckGo HTML endpoint (Tier 3)

**Usage**

```
extract_search_tiers(text)
```

**Arguments**

text                      Raw agent trace text

**Value**

Character vector of unique tier names encountered (e.g., "primp", "selenium", "ddgs", "requests")

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
tiers <- extract_search_tiers(response$trace)
print(tiers) # e.g., "primp"

## End(Not run)
```

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extract_urls	<i>Extract URLs by Source Number</i>
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**Description**

Extracts URLs from Search tool messages in the agent trace.

**Usage**

```
extract_urls(text)
```

**Arguments**

text	Raw agent trace text
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**Value**

Character vector of URLs, ordered by source number

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
urls <- extract_urls(response$trace)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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extract_wikipedia_content	<i>Extract Wikipedia Content</i>
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**Description**

Extracts content from Wikipedia tool messages in the agent trace.

**Usage**

```
extract_wikipedia_content(text)
```

**Arguments**

text	Raw agent trace text
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**Value**

Character vector of Wikipedia snippets

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
wiki <- extract_wikipedia_content(response$trace)

## End(Not run)
```

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format_duration	<i>Format Time Duration</i>
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**Description**

Formats a numeric duration (in minutes) as a human-readable string.

**Usage**

```
format_duration(minutes)
```

**Arguments**

minutes	Numeric duration in minutes
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**Value**

Formatted string

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get_agent	<i>Get the Current Agent</i>
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**Description**

Returns the currently initialized agent, or NULL if not initialized.

**Usage**

```
get_agent()
```

**Value**

An asa\_agent object or NULL

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
agent <- get_agent()
if (is.null(agent)) {
  agent <- initialize_agent()
}

## End(Not run)
```

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get_tor_ip	<i>Get External IP via Tor</i>
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**Description**

Retrieves the external IP address as seen through Tor proxy.

**Usage**

```
get_tor_ip(proxy = "socks5h://127.0.0.1:9050", timeout = 30L)
```

**Arguments**

proxy	Tor proxy URL (e.g., "socks5h://127.0.0.1:9050" for default, or "socks5h://127.0.0.1:9055" for instance on port 9055)
timeout	Timeout in seconds (default: 30). Useful for parallel workloads where some Tor exits may be slow.

**Value**

IP address string or NA on failure

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Default Tor instance  
ip <- get_tor_ip()  
message("Current Tor IP: ", ip)  
  
# Check specific Tor instance (e.g., for parallel jobs)  
ip <- get_tor_ip(proxy = "socks5h://127.0.0.1:9055")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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initialize_agent	<i>Initialize the ASA Search Agent</i>
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**Description**

Initializes the Python environment and creates the LangGraph agent with search tools (Wikipedia, DuckDuckGo). The agent can use multiple LLM backends and supports DeepAgent-style memory folding.

**Usage**

```
initialize_agent(
    backend = "openai",
    model = "gpt-4.1-mini",
    conda_env = "asa_env",
    proxy = "socks5h://127.0.0.1:9050",
    use_memory_folding = TRUE,
    memory_threshold = 4L,
    memory_keep_recent = 2L,
    rate_limit = 0.2,
    timeout = 120L,
    verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

backend	LLM backend to use. One of: "openai", "groq", "xai", "exo", "openrouter"
model	Model identifier (e.g., "gpt-4.1-mini", "llama-3.3-70b-versatile")
conda_env	Name of the conda environment with Python dependencies
proxy	SOCKS5 proxy URL for Tor (default: "socks5h://127.0.0.1:9050"). Set to NULL to disable proxy.
use_memory_folding	Enable DeepAgent-style memory compression (default: TRUE)
memory_threshold	Number of messages before folding triggers (default: 4)
memory_keep_recent	Number of recent messages to preserve after folding (default: 2)
rate_limit	Requests per second for rate limiting (default: 0.2)
timeout	Request timeout in seconds (default: 120)
verbose	Print status messages (default: TRUE)

**Details**

The agent is created with two tools:

- Wikipedia: For looking up encyclopedic information
- DuckDuckGo Search: For web searches with a 4-tier fallback system (PRIMP -> Selenium -> DDGS library -> raw requests)

Memory folding (enabled by default) compresses older messages into a summary to manage context length in long conversations, following the DeepAgent paper.

**Value**

An object of class `asa_agent` containing the initialized agent and configuration.



## API Keys

The following environment variables should be set based on your backend:

- OpenAI: OPENAI\_API\_KEY
- Groq: GROQ\_API\_KEY
- xAI: XAI\_API\_KEY
- OpenRouter: OPENROUTER\_API\_KEY

## OpenRouter Models

When using the "openrouter" backend, model names must be in provider/model-name format. Examples:

- "openai/gpt-4o"
- "anthropic/claude-3-sonnet"
- "google/gemma-2-9b-it:free"
- "meta-llama/llama-3-70b-instruct"

See <https://openrouter.ai/models> for available models.

## See Also

[run\\_task](#), [run\\_task\\_batch](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Initialize with OpenAI
agent <- initialize_agent(
  backend = "openai",
  model = "gpt-4.1-mini"
)

# Initialize with Groq and custom settings
agent <- initialize_agent(
  backend = "groq",
  model = "llama-3.3-70b-versatile",
  use_memory_folding = FALSE,
  proxy = NULL # No Tor proxy
)

# Initialize with OpenRouter (access to 100+ models)
agent <- initialize_agent(
  backend = "openrouter",
  model = "anthropic/claude-3-sonnet" # Note: provider/model format
)

## End(Not run)
```

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is_tor_running	<i>Check if Tor is Running</i>
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**Description**

Checks if Tor is running and accessible on the default port.

**Usage**

```
is_tor_running(port = 9050L)
```

**Arguments**

port	Port number (default: 9050)
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**Value**

Logical indicating if Tor appears to be running

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
if (!is_tor_running()) {
  message("Start Tor with: brew services start tor")
}

## End(Not run)
```

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json_escape	<i>Clean Text for JSON Output</i>
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**Description**

Escapes special characters in text for safe inclusion in JSON strings.

**Usage**

```
json_escape(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Character string to escape
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**Value**

Escaped string

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print.asa_agent	<i>Print Method for asa_agent Objects</i>
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**Description**

Print Method for asa\_agent Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_agent'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_agent object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns the object

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print.asa_audit_result	<i>Print Method for asa_audit_result Objects</i>
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**Description**

Print Method for asa\_audit\_result Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_audit_result'  
print(x, n = 6, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_audit_result object
n	Number of data rows to preview (default: 6)
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns the object

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print.asa_config	<i>Print Method for asa_config Objects</i>
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**Description**

Print Method for asa\_config Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_config'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_config object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns the object

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print.asa_enumerate_result	<i>Print Method for asa_enumerate_result Objects</i>
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**Description**

Print Method for asa\_enumerate\_result Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_enumerate_result'  
print(x, n = 6, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_enumerate_result object
n	Number of data rows to preview (default: 6)
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns the object

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print.asa_response	<i>Print Method for asa_response Objects</i>
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**Description**

Print Method for asa\_response Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_response'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_response object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns the object

---

print.asa_result	<i>Print Method for asa_result Objects</i>
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**Description**

Print Method for asa\_result Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_result'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns the object

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print.asa_search	<i>Print Method for asa_search Objects</i>
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**Description**

Print Method for asa\_search Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_search'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_search object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

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print.asa_temporal	<i>Print Method for asa_temporal Objects</i>
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**Description**

Print Method for asa\_temporal Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_temporal'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_temporal object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns the object

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print2	<i>Print Utility</i>
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**Description**

Wrapper around cat for consistent output formatting.

**Usage**

```
print2(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Arguments passed to cat

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process_outputs	<i>Process Multiple Agent Outputs</i>
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**Description**

Processes a data frame of raw agent outputs, extracting structured data.

**Usage**

```
process_outputs(df, parallel = FALSE, workers = 10L)
```

**Arguments**

df	Data frame with a 'raw_output' column containing agent traces
parallel	Use parallel processing
workers	Number of workers

**Value**

The input data frame with additional extracted columns: search\_count, wiki\_count, and any JSON fields found

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reset_agent	<i>Reset the Agent</i>
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### Description

Clears the initialized agent state, forcing reinitialization on next use. Also closes any open HTTP clients to prevent resource leaks.

### Usage

```
reset_agent()
```

### Value

Invisibly returns NULL

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rotate_tor_circuit	<i>Rotate Tor Circuit</i>
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### Description

Requests a new Tor circuit by restarting the Tor service or sending SIGHUP.

### Usage

```
rotate_tor_circuit(
    method = c("brew", "systemctl", "signal"),
    wait = 12L,
    pid = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

method	Method to restart: "brew" (macOS), "systemctl" (Linux), or "signal"
wait	Seconds to wait for new circuit (default: 12)
pid	Optional PID of specific Tor process (only used with method="signal"). If NULL (default), finds the Tor process via pgrep.

### Details

For parallel Tor setups with multiple instances, consider using Tor's built-in circuit rotation via MaxCircuitDirtiness and NewCircuitPeriod config options instead of this function.

### Value

Invisibly returns TRUE on success, FALSE on failure



Examples

```
## Not run:
# macOS with Homebrew
rotate_tor_circuit(method = "brew")

# Linux with systemd
rotate_tor_circuit(method = "systemctl")

# Send SIGHUP to Tor process
rotate_tor_circuit(method = "signal")

## End(Not run)
```

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run_task	<i>Run a Structured Task with the Agent</i>
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Description

Executes a research task using the AI search agent with a structured prompt and returns parsed results. This is the primary function for running agent tasks.

Usage

```
run_task(
  prompt,
  output_format = "text",
  temporal = NULL,
  config = NULL,
  agent = NULL,
  expected_fields = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

prompt	The task prompt or question for the agent to research
output_format	Expected output format. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>"text": Returns response text (default)</li><li>"json": Parse response as JSON</li><li>"raw": Include full trace in result for debugging</li><li>Character vector: Extract specific fields from response</li></ul>
temporal	Named list or <code>asa_temporal</code> object for temporal filtering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><code>time_filter</code>: DuckDuckGo time filter - "d" (day), "w" (week), "m" (month), "y" (year)</li><li><code>after</code>: ISO 8601 date (e.g., "2020-01-01") - hint for results after this date (added to prompt context)</li><li><code>before</code>: ISO 8601 date (e.g., "2024-01-01") - hint for results before this date (added to prompt context)</li></ul>

config	An asa_config object for unified configuration, or NULL to use defaults
agent	An asa_agent object from <a href="#">initialize_agent</a> , or NULL to use the currently initialized agent
expected_fields	Optional character vector of field names expected in JSON output. When provided, validates that all fields are present and non-null. The result will include a parsing_status field with validation details.
verbose	Print progress messages (default: FALSE)

## Details

This function provides the primary interface for running research tasks. For simple text responses, use `output_format = "text"`. For structured outputs, use `output_format = "json"` or specify field names to extract. For debugging and full trace access, use `output_format = "raw"`.

When temporal filtering is specified, the search tool's time filter is temporarily set for this task and restored afterward. Date hints (after/before) are appended to the prompt to guide the agent's search behavior.

## Value

An `asa_result` object with:

- `prompt`: The original prompt
- `message`: The agent's response text
- `parsed`: Parsed output (list for JSON/field extraction, NULL for text/raw)
- `raw_output`: Full agent trace (always included, verbose for "raw" format)
- `elapsed_time`: Execution time in minutes
- `status`: "success" or "error"
- `search_tier`: Which search tier was used ("primp", "selenium", etc.)
- `parsing_status`: Validation result (if `expected_fields` provided)
- `trace`: Full execution trace (for "raw" `output_format`)
- `fold_count`: Number of memory folds (for "raw" `output_format`)

## See Also

[initialize\\_agent](#), [run\\_task\\_batch](#), [asa\\_config](#), [temporal\\_options](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Initialize agent first
agent <- initialize_agent(backend = "openai", model = "gpt-4.1-mini")

# Simple text query
result <- run_task(
  prompt = "What is the capital of France?",
  output_format = "text",
  agent = agent
)
print(result$message)
```

```

# JSON structured output
result <- run_task(
  prompt = "Find information about Albert Einstein and return JSON with
            fields: birth_year, death_year, nationality, field_of_study",
  output_format = "json",
  agent = agent
)
print(result$parsed)

# Raw output for debugging (includes full trace in asa_result)
result <- run_task(
  prompt = "Search for information",
  output_format = "raw",
  agent = agent
)
cat(result$trace) # View full agent trace

# With temporal filtering (past year only)
result <- run_task(
  prompt = "Find recent AI research breakthroughs",
  temporal = temporal_options(time_filter = "y"),
  agent = agent
)

# With date range hint
result <- run_task(
  prompt = "Find tech companies founded recently",
  temporal = list(
    time_filter = "y",
    after = "2020-01-01",
    before = "2024-01-01"
  ),
  agent = agent
)

# Using asa_config for unified configuration
config <- asa_config(
  backend = "openai",
  model = "gpt-4.1-mini",
  temporal = temporal_options(time_filter = "y")
)
result <- run_task(prompt, config = config)

## End(Not run)

```

run\_task\_batch

*Run Multiple Tasks in Batch***Description**

Executes multiple research tasks, optionally in parallel. Includes a circuit breaker that monitors error rates and pauses execution if errors spike, preventing cascading failures.

**Usage**

```
run_task_batch(
  prompts,
  output_format = "text",
  temporal = NULL,
  agent = NULL,
  parallel = FALSE,
  workers = 4L,
  progress = TRUE,
  circuit_breaker = TRUE,
  abort_on_trip = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>prompts</code>	Character vector of task prompts, or a data frame with a 'prompt' column
<code>output_format</code>	Expected output format (applies to all tasks)
<code>temporal</code>	Named list for temporal filtering (applies to all tasks). See <a href="#">run_task</a> for details.
<code>agent</code>	An <code>asa_agent</code> object
<code>parallel</code>	Use parallel processing
<code>workers</code>	Number of parallel workers
<code>progress</code>	Show progress messages
<code>circuit_breaker</code>	Enable circuit breaker for error rate monitoring. When enabled, tracks recent error rates and pauses if threshold exceeded. Default TRUE.
<code>abort_on_trip</code>	If TRUE, abort the batch when circuit breaker trips. If FALSE (default), wait for cooldown and continue.

**Value**

A list of `asa_result` objects, or if `prompts` was a data frame, the data frame with result columns added. If circuit breaker aborts, includes attribute `"circuit_breaker_aborted" = TRUE`.

**See Also**

[run\\_task](#), [configure\\_temporal](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
prompts <- c(
  "What is the population of Tokyo?",
  "What is the population of New York?",
  "What is the population of London?"
)
results <- run_task_batch(prompts, agent = agent)

# With temporal filtering for all tasks
results <- run_task_batch(
  prompts,
  temporal = list(time_filter = "y"),
```

```

    agent = agent
  )

  # Disable circuit breaker
  results <- run_task_batch(prompts, agent = agent, circuit_breaker = FALSE)

  # Abort on circuit breaker trip
  results <- run_task_batch(prompts, agent = agent, abort_on_trip = TRUE)

  ## End(Not run)

```

safe\_json\_parse

*Safe JSON Parse***Description**

Attempts to parse JSON, returning NULL on failure.

**Usage**

```
safe_json_parse(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      JSON string

**Value**

Parsed R object or NULL

search\_options

*Create Search Options***Description**

Creates search configuration for controlling DuckDuckGo search behavior, including rate limiting, retry policies, and result limits. These options are used by the 4-tier search fallback system.

**Usage**

```

search_options(
  max_results = NULL,
  timeout = NULL,
  max_retries = NULL,
  retry_delay = NULL,
  backoff_multiplier = NULL,
  inter_search_delay = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

<code>max_results</code>	Maximum number of search results to return per query. Higher values provide more context but increase latency. Default: 10.
<code>timeout</code>	Timeout in seconds for individual search requests. Applies to each tier attempt separately. Default: 15.
<code>max_retries</code>	Maximum number of retry attempts when a search tier fails. After exhausting retries, the system falls back to the next tier. Default: 3.
<code>retry_delay</code>	Initial delay in seconds before the first retry. Subsequent retries use exponential backoff. Default: 2.
<code>backoff_multiplier</code>	Multiplier for exponential backoff between retries. E.g., with <code>retry_delay=2</code> and <code>multiplier=1.5</code> , delays are 2s, 3s, 4.5s. Default: 1.5.
<code>inter_search_delay</code>	Minimum delay in seconds between consecutive searches. Helps avoid rate limiting from search providers. Default: 0.5.

## Details

The search system uses a 4-tier fallback architecture:

1. **PRIMP**: HTTP/2 with browser TLS fingerprint
2. **Selenium**: Headless browser for JS-rendered content
3. **DDGS**: Standard ddgs Python library
4. **Requests**: Raw POST to DuckDuckGo HTML endpoint

The retry/backoff settings apply within each tier. If all retries are exhausted, the system automatically falls back to the next tier.

## Value

An object of class `asa_search`

## See Also

[asa\\_config](#), [configure\\_search](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Default settings
search <- search_options()

# More aggressive settings for faster searches
search <- search_options(
  max_results = 5,
  timeout = 10,
  max_retries = 2
)

# Conservative settings for rate-limited environments
search <- search_options(
  inter_search_delay = 2.0,
  max_retries = 5,
```

```

    backoff_multiplier = 2.0
)

# Use with asa_config
config <- asa_config(
  backend = "openai",
  search = search_options(max_results = 15)
)

## End(Not run)

```

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summary.asa_agent	<i>Summary Method for asa_agent Objects</i>
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### Description

Summary Method for asa\_agent Objects

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_agent'
summary(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	An asa_agent object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

### Value

Invisibly returns a summary list

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summary.asa_audit_result	<i>Summary Method for asa_audit_result Objects</i>
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### Description

Summary Method for asa\_audit\_result Objects

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_audit_result'
summary(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	An asa_audit_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns a summary list

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```
summary.asa_enumerate_result
```

*Summary Method for asa\_enumerate\_result Objects*

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**Description**

Summary Method for asa\_enumerate\_result Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_enumerate_result'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An asa_enumerate_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns a summary list

---

```
summary.asa_response
```

*Summary Method for asa\_response Objects*

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**Description**

Summary Method for asa\_response Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_response'
summary(object, show_trace = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An asa_response object
show_trace	Include full trace in output
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns a summary list



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summary.asa_result	<i>Summary Method for asa_result Objects</i>
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**Description**

Summary Method for asa\_result Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_result'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An asa_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns a summary list

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temporal_options	<i>Create Temporal Filtering Options</i>
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**Description**

Creates a temporal filtering configuration for constraining search results by date. Supports DuckDuckGo time filters, date ranges, and strict verification modes.

**Usage**

```
temporal_options(
  time_filter = NULL,
  after = NULL,
  before = NULL,
  strictness = "best_effort",
  use_wayback = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

time_filter	DuckDuckGo time filter: "d" (day), "w" (week), "m" (month), "y" (year), or NULL for no filter
after	ISO 8601 date string (e.g., "2020-01-01") - results after this date
before	ISO 8601 date string (e.g., "2024-01-01") - results before this date
strictness	Verification level: "best_effort" (default) or "strict"
use_wayback	Use Wayback Machine for strict pre-date guarantees

## Details

Temporal filtering can operate at different levels:

- **time\_filter**: DuckDuckGo native filter (fast, approximate)
- **after/before**: Date hints appended to prompts
- **strict**: Post-hoc verification of result dates
- **use\_wayback**: Uses Internet Archive for guaranteed historical data

## Value

An object of class `asa_temporal`

## See Also

[asa\\_config](#), [run\\_task](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Past year only
temporal <- temporal_options(time_filter = "y")

# Specific date range
temporal <- temporal_options(
  after = "2020-01-01",
  before = "2024-01-01"
)

# Strict historical verification
temporal <- temporal_options(
  before = "2015-01-01",
  strictness = "strict",
  use_wayback = TRUE
)

## End(Not run)
```

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`truncate_string`*Truncate String*

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## Description

Truncates a string to a maximum length, adding ellipsis if truncated.

## Usage

```
truncate_string(x, max_length = 100, ellipsis = "...")
```

**Arguments**

x	Character string
max_length	Maximum length
ellipsis	String to append when truncated

**Value**

Truncated string

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write\_csv.asa\_enumerate\_result

*Write asa\_enumerate\_result to CSV*

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**Description**

Write asa\_enumerate\_result to CSV

**Usage**

```
write_csv.asa_enumerate_result(x, file, include_provenance = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_enumerate_result object
file	Path to output CSV file
include_provenance	Include provenance as additional columns
...	Additional arguments passed to write.csv

**Value**

Invisibly returns the file path

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